

Claims

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A brew basket for a beverage brewing system comprising of:
 - 2 a brewing chamber having an aperture to allow flow of a
 - 3 brewed beverage to exit said brewing chamber; and
 - 4 a filter including a replaceable filter medium, the filter
 - 5 pivotably attached to and in fluid communication with said brewing
 - 6 chamber, wherein the replaceable filter medium is sealably supported
 - 7 on an annular flange of said filter.
- 1 2. A brew basket of claim 1 wherein said filter can flip up to expose said
- 2 brewing chamber.
- 1 3. A brew basket of claim 2 wherein said filter further includes a handle
- 2 for lifting said filter to expose an interior of said brewing chamber.
- 1 4. A brew basket of claim 1 wherein said filter can swing to one side of
- 2 said brewing chamber to expose an interior of said brewing chamber.
- 1 5. A brew basket of claim 4 wherein said filter and said brewing
- 2 chamber can swing together or independent of each other.
- 1 6. A brew basket of claim 1 wherein said filter is attached to said
- 2 brewing chamber with a hinge and said brewing chamber is pivotably
- 3 attached to a beverage brewing system wherein when said brewing chamber
- 4 is swung out of its operative position in a beverage brewing system, said filter
- 5 can flip up to expose said brewing chamber.
- 1 7. A brew basket of claim 1 wherein said filter and said brewing
- 2 chamber are mated to provide a substantially leak-proof seal.

1 8. A brew basket of claim 1 wherein the replaceable filter medium has a
2 rim surrounding the replaceable filter medium wherein the rim surrounding
3 the replaceable filter medium is one of snap fitted, press fitted, or wipe sealed
4 onto an annular flange of said filter.

1 9. A brew basket of claim 1 wherein said filter further includes a filter
2 frame having an annular side wall extending above the replaceable filter
3 medium to provide a reservoir for a brewing liquid.

1 10. A brew basket of claim 1 wherein the replaceable filter medium is one
2 of a flat sheet, pleated sheet, and high loft material.

1 11. A brew basket of claim 1 further including an indicator for indicating
2 to a user that the replaceable filter medium requires replacement.

1 12. A brew basket of claim 1 further including a fastening means at one or
2 more points along a top edge of said brewing chamber.

1 13. A brew basket of claim 1 further including a drip-style coffee maker.

1 14. A beverage brewing system comprising of:
2 a brew basket comprising a brewing chamber having an
3 aperture to allow flow of a brewed beverage to exit said brewing
4 chamber; and a filter including a replaceable filter medium, the filter
5 pivotably attached to and in fluid communication with said brewing
6 chamber, wherein the replaceable filter medium is sealably supported
7 by an annular flange of the filter.

1 15. A beverage brewing system of claim 14 wherein the filter can flip up
2 to expose the brewing chamber.

1 16. A beverage brewing system of claim 14 wherein the filter can swing to
2 one side to expose the brewing chamber.

1 17. A beverage brewing system of claim 14 wherein the filter is attached
2 to the brewing chamber with a hinge and the brewing chamber is pivotably
3 attached to said beverage brewing system wherein when the brewing
4 chamber is swung out of its operative position in said beverage brewing
5 system, the filter can flip up to expose the brewing chamber.

1 18. A beverage brewing system of claim 14 wherein the filter and the
2 brewing chamber are mated to provide a substantially leak-proof seal.

1 19. A beverage brewing system of claim 14 wherein said brew basket
2 further includes a fastening means at one or more points along a top edge of
3 the brewing chamber for securing the filter.

1 20. A beverage brewing system of claim 14 wherein the replaceable filter
2 medium is one of a flat sheet, a pleated sheet, and a high loft material.

1 21. A beverage brewing system of claim 14 further including an indicator
2 to indicate to a user that the replaceable filter medium requires replacement.

1 22. A method of making a brewed beverage comprising the steps of:
2 providing a brewed beverage system comprising a brew basket
3 including a brewing chamber containing beverage brewing
4 ingredients, the brewing chamber having an aperture to allow flow of
5 the brewed beverage to exit the brewing chamber, and a filter
6 including a replaceable filter medium in fluid communication with the
7 brewing chamber;
8 heating a liquid within the brewed beverage system;

9 contacting the heated liquid with the replaceable filter medium
10 wherein the replaceable filter medium removes substantially all
11 contaminants in the heated liquid;
12 mixing the substantially contaminant-free heated liquid with
13 the beverage brewing ingredients.

1 23 The method of claim 22 further including the step of collecting a
2 brewed beverage as it exits the brewing chamber.

1 24. The method of claim 22 further including the step of replacing the
2 filter medium.